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Ceremony opens medical center

The opening of the Breton Medical Centre Friday has added a new dimension to the community's general hospital.

After several weeks of preparation, the clinic will centralize medical facilities in Breton, which until now have been separate.

"Its proximity to the hospital is its biggest advantage," says hospital administrator Gordon Kramer.

Taking the largely unused nurse's residence next to the general hospital, Drs. Ralph Jones and Bakul Pajara transformed the space into offices, examination rooms and a receptionist waiting area.

Previously, the doctors worked out of a smaller building several blocks from hospital.

Even though it was just four blocks, it was quite inconvenient, Kramer said, especially if you had to go for a blood test and it was minus 40 below.

"If the doctors need to use the more extensive facilities of the hospital, all they have to do now is walk down the hall," he added.

While the general hospital and clinic will go by their separate names, the combination of the two will be called the Breton Health Care Complex, Kramer said.



Photo by Phil Covert

Dr. Ralph Jones, addresses the crowd gathered for the opening.

According to chief of medical staff Jones, the idea grew out of necessity. "We had been working out of the old centre which obviously wasn't big enough and we couldn't work with running back and forth between the hospital and the medical centre. There wasn't enough room for both of us at the same time."

Although suggested in the past by the hospital's late administrator Maurice Rees, it wasn't until last May that Jones and Pajara took to renovating the building with the help of the hospital's maintenance staff and local labor.

The two doctors have only been in Breton since late last year and had to pass the mandatory Canadian medical council (LMCC) exam before moving onto the hospital staff. Jones and Pajara are both from England and have been in Canada for about two years.

Also at the official opening Friday, administrator Kramer announced the purchase of an anesthetic machine following approval by the provincial government.

County council votes to add two divisions

By Lisa Lewis

The need to increase the number of divisions in Parkland County has left several councillors a bit baffled, but they endorsed the addition of two more sayings.

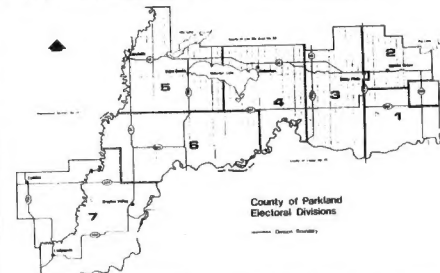
Division 1 councillor Ron Pollock wondered why Parkland County is being forced by the provincial government to increase the number of divisions.

"I am surprised," Pollock said, who represents an area with the highest number of people.

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County of Parkland Electoral Divisions

"I haven't had a ratepayer come up to me and say, 'Hey, you have too many people here, I don't know why we're doing it, I haven't had any complaints,'" he added.

Other councillors agreed ratepayers have not complained about the inequality in the various division populations.

However, councillors approved a plan to be sent to the government which will see the number of divisions increased from seven to nine. The two new divisions will be created in the county's east end.

"We're doing it because we're being forced to it," council was told by administrator Otto Schuster.

Preliminary discussions with the deputy minister of municipal affairs indicate the county should make suggestions for the change before the election in 1990, he said. Earlier this year, Schuster said the government could step in and increase the number of divisions without properly consulting county officials.

The proposed changes will not affect the composition of the Parkland County School Board but it will allow the board to have two more voting members during regular meetings. Currently, all seven county councillors sit on the school board and although county representatives total 11 only seven are allowed to vote during a meeting.

The addition of two more councillors will cost the county about \$30,000 in honorariums (pay for attending meetings) council was told.

The average councillor earns about \$15,000 to \$16,000 but there are other expenses that could jack that total higher.

Reeve Maurice McCallough expressed concern residents in the county's west end may get upset over the addition of two more divisions.

Drayton Valley MLA Shirley Crispa has in the past commented on the uneven distribution of councillors, he said.

"It's the balance of power. If there are more councillors in the east end, the west end may think they won't get anything anymore," he said.

Clark visits Drayton Valley

Incumbent Yellowhead MP Joe Clark made a whirlwind tour of Drayton Valley Thursday looking to secure constituent's votes for Sept. 6's national election.

During a six-hour stop, Clark and wife Maureen McEwen met with members of town council, his campaign organizers and media before running through a door-to-door session along 49th Street.

So far, Clark is the only candidate to tour the town since the election was called.

In his brief meeting with reporters outside the Derrick Mall, Clark again dodged questions regarding a cabinet post should the Conservatives form a government on Sept. 6. Clark said it would be inappropriate for him to say what position he would occupy until such time as party leader Brian Mulroney announced a cabinet, although he expects to play a "major role" in a Tory government.

When asked to comment on current election polls showing a widening gap between the two leading parties, Clark said he didn't rely too much on popularity polls and doesn't try to interpret them.

He did indicate, however, that the polls showed a "real movement of support" for the Conservatives and may provide the first real chance for the party to gain a majority government.



Incumbent Joe Clark took time for some local campaigning Thursday.

Clark was greeted with a warm welcome by business and customers during his trip through the Derrick Mall and later during his door-to-door visits. Clark and his wife stopped at nearly 100 households along 49th Street, delivering "propaganda" and asking for support on election day.

According to his executive assistant, Clark has toured some 50 ridings since the election campaign began, not including his own, and plans on another 20 before he's finished.

Local 4-Hers go on exchange

When 10 people from the Drayton Valley area headed for Vermilion and Paradise Valley on Aug. 13, they looked forward to learning something new, they wanted to learn to do by doing. And they weren't disappointed.

Eight members of the Tonahawk, Carwood, Two Rivers, Sundance and Drayton Valley 4-H clubs and two chaperones left for a week-long exchange sponsored by the Drayton Valley District 4-H Council.

They stayed Aug. 13-17 and were treated to the hospitality of their host families. Most of the members toured Lakeland College and viewed its new bull testing station.

The trip to the Lloydminster museum proved to be an interesting one as the members viewed the art gallery as well as a special section of various deformed animals. And the 4-Hers got a look at purebred, wheat, bird and horse farm operations.

Though many felt there was a shortage of group activities, the general consensus was that

the trip was a great experience. For many of the members this was the first time they had participated in an exchange.

Nicole Shrivell, a 4-Her, summed up her impressions in this way: "I got along really great with the family and felt really at home. The only thing I wish was different was that you could spend more time there because you just really get to know them and be a part of the family when you leave."

And Darren Zender enjoyed the experience as well. "If anyone else has a chance to go on an exchange, I recommend it because you get used to having to meet people."

The second half of the exchange began on Aug. 20 when nine people from the Vermilion area arrived in Drayton Valley. They will be here until Aug. 24 and will also stay with host families. Some of the activities planned include a visit to the Brexton Dam and a winner roast.

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Jerry Hargreaves (left) of Drayton Valley discusses job prospects with Richard Bewick-Arthur.

Yellowhead candidates tackle abortion issue

By Lisa Lewis

Changes to the abortion laws - either making them tougher, outlawing the practice, or letting more women have the service, has become an issue in the Sept. 6 election.

Three candidates for the Yellowhead constituency have said they are anti-abortion and would only consider allowing abortions if the mother's life was in danger.

Two candidates said they wouldn't want to see abortion outlawed and Conservative candidate, Joe Clark says more abortion committees should be established at hospitals.

"The party's position is that there should be a free vote in the house of commons. I personally believe the present law is adequate and should not be changed," Clark said.

However the lack of committees at every hospital concerns Clark.

These committees, made up of doctors who decide if an abortion will be performed, are not available at all hospitals, he says.

"An abortion is prohibited unless it is approved and a woman seeking one at a hospital without a committee is being denied her rights under the law," Clark explained.

"I do not support abortion on demand," continued Clark, adding he wouldn't want to see it outlawed either.

Confederation of Regions (COR) candidate, Gordon Snow supports Clark's stand on abortion.

Although the COR party has discussed the issue it has not come out with a party policy, Snow says.

"I believe it should be available to some women," says Snow who adds the hospital committees should be supplemented by members of the public.

Snow also can't support abortion on demand and although he feels abortion clinics are "okay" he can't advocate Henry Morgentaler's method of going against Canadian law.

Local sentenced to prison term

A Drayton Valley youth was sentenced to 12 months in prison by Judge R.B. Sprackow in provincial court on Aug. 18.

Resti Douglas Beller pleaded guilty to the charge of break and enter and theft.

Another Drayton Valley man was sentenced to two years of probation and 50 hours of community service in connection with the same charge.

Steen Peter Stafford pleaded guilty to his involvement in the incident which took place Oct. 18-21 of last year on a ranch near Estevan.

Court heard that the two accused, in the company of another man, broke into the ranch and broke through the gate at its entrance. The two then broke into a building on the property, taking \$40 worth of alcohol.

The two were also ordered to pay restitution to the owner of the ranch for the damage caused.

Many apply for gas plant jobs

By Carol Dietrich

A variety of tradesmen from the Drayton Valley area are actively seeking employment.

Response to the Petro-Canada Business opportunities information centre held in the Tamarack room of the Westwinds Motor Inn on Aug. 16-17 proved that.

Over 175 people submitted applications for the remaining employment positions available for construction of the \$20 million Petro-Canada Brasserie River Sour Gas Plant. Construction on the project, whose main contractor is Phoenix Construction Ltd., started a few weeks ago. The plant is scheduled to be operational in June, 1985.

People came from Red Deer, Whitecourt, Wildwood, Wetaskiwin, Breton, Edson as well as Drayton Valley to complete applications to work in the open-shop project.

About 60 per cent of the applications were for labor and the other 40 per cent were for the fitting trades," said Richard Bewick-Arthur, field administrator for the project.

Several subcontractors are yet to be awarded. An open house was held in November of last year to invite companies to apply for them. "Five major subcontract areas are not finalized at this time," they include: buildings, above-ground electrical, plumbing, insulation and fireproofing.

"The remaining subcontracting will be put out to tender in the next two months," said Doug Hirsch, Petro-Canada contract administrator for the project.

The subcontractors will get the resumes of those who attended this information session, said Hirsch.

Nineteen local contracts have already been awarded and there may be more. "It's quite possible we will be awarding more local contracts. There has been considerable interest from the local area and the interest is still there," Bewick-Arthur said.

Awarding of the contracts depends on the engineering schedules over the next two months. The manpower force is expected to peak at 100 in January of next year.

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Black and red slug harmless

If you happen across a 7.6 cm (3 in.) black slug with a red horn on its tail don't be alarmed.

It's only *Hydrobia ulvae*, the garden slug, the larval form of the Bedstraw Hawk Moth, and more importantly, it's harmless.

There have been a number of sightings and several have been brought in to the local Alberta Agriculture office. Supervisor of Entomology for the province, Mike Dillman, said the larvae, has been reported from the Peace River country to the Carleton Place area. "We don't know that much about it," he said.

"It's never been a pest, it feeds primarily on fireweed."

He did add that if it runs out of fireweed it will feed on Canada leaves and that there are a few isolated reports from Canada farmers. "I've been here 12 years and this is the first time we've had these things brought in from a crop."

The larvae molts three or four times before going into the pupa stage for the winter. It then hatches later as an attractive moth in the spring.

Marilyn Steiner, entomologist at the Alberta Environmental Center in Vegreville, said the warm conditions have contributed to a low mortality rate. "It's common, but less common than in other years," she explained.

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"The clinic itself is fine as long as there is a screening process to decide the best course - but if Morgentaler was working against the law," Snow said.

Of the other three candidates, Rick Hardy of the NDP, says he's going against the party policy by wanting to see changes to the present abortion laws.

"In my own personal view I wouldn't want to see abortion laws any laxer. Never, as a Christian, can I agree with abortion as birth control. The laws now are extremely lax," says Hardy.

Although Hardy's stance goes against the NDP policy, he says "The NDP party are the only party which gives the MP a right to vote according to his conscience."

While Liberal candidate Louis Joy is anti-abortion, he would like to see changes made without implementing any more legislation.

"It's a very delicate question. If they force more legislation it will put more restrictions on freedom. The logical course is to resolve it with as little legislation as possible."

Joy says pro-life supporters and anti-abortion supporters should sit down and resolve the issue together.

"I'd like the women to sit down and thrash this out - it's a woman's issue really," he said.

The overall entry into the race for the Yellowhead constituency is the Social Credit party's Audrey Swinerton.

Swinerton says the abortion issue is the Social Credit party's "baby".

"We believe that the fetus is a human being, possesses the right to life and must be protected by law," she said.

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Opinions

New additions questionable

Parkland County Reeve Maurice McCullagh's concerns that west end residents may become upset over the addition of two new divisions in the east end of the county are well-founded.

In geographic terms the move would give the west end of the county six councillors to the east end's three. While the population figures favor the east end there is a large disparity in total areas served.

McCullagh noted in council that Drayton Valley MLA Shirley Criga has commented in the past about the uneven distribution of councillors. The point is that the balance of power will be fully in the east end of the county.

Residents and councillors from the west end will have little choice in the way the county is run. Any disputes between the county and towns in the west end need not be decided with the best interests of the west end in mind.

Recall the fire services dispute of March of 1983. Drayton Valley Town Council came to an accord with Parkland County Council which involved more financial involvement in the joint-use agreement between the two bodies.

However, under the proposed redistribution of representation two-thirds of county council would come from the east end. The duty of those councillors is to serve the best interests of their divisional residents. In the overall scheme of running the county they could be counted on to do that, but when geographical disputes take place where would their votes go?

In May of 1978 a company then known as Pembina Pipeline (now Pembina Resources) celebrated the movement of its billionth barrel of oil. That was before the most recent oil boom.

How much money did those billion barrels of oil represent and how much money was paid on them in taxes?

Last year Parkland County paid \$650 towards the operation of the Drayton Valley Library which has a budget of about \$70,000. Over 20 per cent of the library users are Parkland County residents.

At the same time the county has rejected a request from the library board that a county council representative sit on the board to improve communication between the two bodies.

With only a one-third say in the decisions of the council you can't expect such situations to improve.



"George thinks the Oiler's may have traded Greisky...he hasn't heard him mentioned on a single news broadcast all week."

Kids say the funniest things

Back to school days are coming and the kids are the ones who probably feel them the most.

I struck up a conversation with a future Grade 5 student on her way to swimming lessons.

She had a couple of cryptic comments about going back to school that I wrote down when I got to the office. "The only thing I like about going back to school is buying new clothes," she said.

She had her reasons for feeling this way "It's boring, it's a waste of my time."

You may laugh, but some teachers have to deal with this attitude developed over the past four years.

Editor's Notes

And since I've given a presentation about newspapers to a Grade 5 class each spring for the past two years I've got a feeling that we'll be seeing each other again.

As a matter of fact I can still recall last spring's presentation. The teacher asked the class what part of the paper they liked the most. Seven out of eight students enthusiastically agreed that their favorite part of The Western Review is the classifieds.

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What do you think about Drayton Valley having a trade fair?



Gladys McGinn
Drayton Valley

It will be a good thing. It gives the merchants a chance to show everything off.



Betty Haas
Breton

It's a good thing. Everyone becomes familiar with the other businesses.



Deryl Abbott
Drayton Valley

I think it'll be okay. It should go over very well. There's only one way to find out.



Miriam Trenholm
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It'll be good. It should bring in a lot of people and be very interesting.



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WCC leadership hopeful Jack Ramsay makes a point.

Provincial leadership race on WCC hopefuls campaign

By Phil Cousterelle
The Western Canada Concept (WCC) bandwagon rolled quietly into Drayton Valley Friday night and on it were the two candidates vying for the party's new vacant leadership.
Promising unity and compromise, candidates Jack Ramsay and Fred Marshall spoke to about 15 party faithful gathered at the Westwind Motor Club. The speaking engagement was part of a constituency tour leading up to the leadership convention Aug. 26 in Red Deer.

It will be the third time in about four years the party has sought new leadership and both Ramsay and Marshall indicated they will lead the party through the next provincial election.

While their backgrounds vary, Ramsay, an RCMP officer and now business consultant, and Marshall, a surgeon and former president of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Medical Staff in Edmonton, their policy differences were almost indistinguishable.

Both strongly agreed on the newly reformed party statement of principles, the necessary reform of federal/provincial relations — including an elected Senate — and both followed a similar line on Western separatism.

Where they differed chiefly was in achieving the party's goal of a majority government by soliciting support from "brings" political parties, as Marshall described, "uniting the right."

To win the next election Marshall said the WCC would have to unite other parties such as the Confederation of Regions, the Alberta Reform Party and the Alberta Reform Movement into one organization, with "the Tories on one side and one party on the other — not seven or eight."

"We the WCC have to get all the parties that think the way we do to come with us," the 54-year-old Marshall said, adding he would approach the leaders of similar parties looking for the opportunity to amalgamate — even if it meant changing the name of the WCC.

Earlier, Marshall apologized for remaining in an Edmonton Journal news article quoting a name change could help the party in an election. "I was clearly looking at an election — not the party," he told the crowd.

Ramsay, who has close ties with several ruling groups, differed with his opponent in that he would try and garner grassroots support before negotiating with other parties.

"We must gain momentum first, then draw the other parties to us," he said, stressing the importance of going to the voters who are involved with different interest groups.

Ramsay also disagreed strongly with a name change. "There'll be no change of name. I'm proud of that name and I'll stick by that name," he said.

Candidates critical of Liberals, PC's

Neither the Progressive Conservatives nor the Liberals will offer the West much of a change if they are elected to power in the Sept. 4 federal election, say the two candidates vying for the leadership of the Western Canada Concept (WCC) party.

Speaking to a crowd of about 15 Friday, candidates Jack Ramsay and Fred Marshall agreed neither federal party would attempt to change the status quo favouring Central Canada over Alberta.

"Premier Peter Lougheed destroyed Bill Davis' chance in the leadership convention (and) you must be aware Bill Davis is courting Mulroney," Ramsay said, adding Lougheed has done little to help the Conservative leader since he took power.

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than the Liberals, he added they would not "make things fair for the outer provinces" such as the West and Atlantic provinces.

The Liberals and Conservatives are not going to aid the West because they must go "where the power is, where the support is," in Central Canada, Ramsay said.

He also said that Ontario Premier Bill Davis' ties with Brian Mulroney will also affect Alberta's position.

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Local swimmers qualify for provincials

Four local swimmers have qualified for the provincial swimming championships this weekend following their qualifying performances at a regional meet Aug. 17, 18 and 19.

Cathy Groulx, Shelly Reynolds, Yvette Oscar and Kimberly Glowa of the Neptune Swim Club qualified in a total of 10 events, including girls 17 and over medley relay and free relay, at the Region B finals in St. Albert.

The four were the only swimmers to qualify

out of 23 Neptune club members participating and will travel to Calgary to compete in provincial finals against six other regions.

Reynolds managed to qualify in five events with first place finishes in 50 and 100-metre freestyle, the 100-metre backstroke and the 100-metre individual medley. All events were in the 17-year and older category.

Reynolds' performance also earned an aggregate award for most points in her category.

Oscar was the club's second best winner qualifying in the 100-metre freestyle, the 50-metre fly and the 50 and 100-metre freestyle.

Groulx earned a second in the 200-metre freestyle while Glowa will head to Calgary as part of the relay team.

The four swimmers teamed up last year for the medley and freestyle relays earning a first and second place in provincials.



Cesar Andy Kelly tries to avoid a collision with his Hinton opponent during Sunday's match.

Oilers settle for second place

Colts win league tournament

By Phil Cousterelle
While number seven may be lucky for some, it was a dismal number for the Drayton Valley Oilers Sunday as they lost the Oilfield League championship tournament 10-5 after seven innings to Eastford Colts.

Despite a solid effort through five innings at Eastford Park the Oilers stumbled and erred through the last two giving the Colts their fourth league championship. The Colts also captured the league pennant after the end of regular play.

Eastford opened the scoring in the third and Oilers tied it at one in the fourth before a double by Gerald Dusterhoff scored Perry Mohr, giving Oilers a 2-1 lead. Errors cost the team two runs in the same inning and Colts led 3-2. Oilers picked up only one more run in the sixth inning when Mohr scored off an Alden Baird double.

Colts replaced starting pitcher Jack Teichman with Gerry Krivy partway through the inning who finished the game.

Defensive problems began early for the Oilers

in the sixth as errors helped the Colts to two more runs. Oilers also changed pitchers with Harvey Allen relieving.

A single by Colts' Merle Baird drove in two more runs to start the Oilers' final inning. Allen was replaced by Dave Allen who was later swapped for Ray Martin. But the pitching changes were in little avail as the Colts scored six runs in two bits and one error to quit the game 10 runs in front.

In the round robin, the Oilers beat Breton Royals 15-5 in seven innings, then beat Warburg 7-5 before losing their first game to Eastford 3-1 Saturday. Colts dropped Warburg 10-5 and Breton 13-5 in the only other game. Warburg beat Breton 16-10.

While the Colts cleaned up on the championship the team's players also cleaned up on the league awards. Roy Hutchinson earned best pitcher while first baseman Merle Baird earned top batter, most home runs and the Gold Glove award for defense. Colts' Ken Baird was awarded the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Ceasars drop Hinton 6-1

The Drayton Valley Ceasars came off their four week summer hiatus Sunday with a solid 6-1 win over Hinton in the only Central Alberta Rural Town's Soccer League (CARTSL) game last week.

With dual goals by Rod Bealer and Peter Kelpouras the Ceasars extended their winless record to 2-1, this season and kept a firm hold of first place.

"It wasn't the same team we played in Hinton," team spokesman Simon Kelly said, "they were a lot cleaner and less physical" than before.

"We were surprised at Hinton because they had their tournament last week and we thought they'd have an edge. But we've been practicing once or twice a week and the hard core seven of us are in good shape."

The Ceasars took a 1-0 lead in the opening minutes of Sunday's game and added three more including Mark Buckland's first of the season — nearly headed off the half. Ceasars' defense kept Hinton off the scoreboard despite being pressured in their own end for most of the first half.

They were coming with a five-two attack which forced us to pull a couple of players back, Kelly said.

Hinton scored against themselves in the second half when a headed ball caught Hinton's goalkeeper out of position. Kelpouras picked up his second goal of the day during the Ceasar scoring.

Hinton scored their only goal also in second half. Ceasars face Mayerthorpe at home next Sunday and then Whitecourt Marauders Wednesday Sept. 5 before heading on the road for their final two games.

During the summer, Stacy Plain was dropped from the league and the schedule revised.



Oilers' Perry Mohr runs into first baseman Merle Baird.

Problems plague local dragster

The weekend of Aug. 17-19 didn't turn out quite the way first Janshewski had hoped. Janshewski, a local funny car driver, went to Spokane to compete in the World Finals and wanted to bring home a first place finish.

But he had problems from the start. First he "red lit" (left the starting line too soon) and didn't get a time, and twice he blew the transmission out of his car. Finally he got a decent run and captured the eighth and final qualifying position out of a field of 25.

Then came his turn to race against another qualifier. He was on the track preparing for the contest by putting the car through "burnout" (spinning the tires until they smoke, to get better traction).

Janshewski was revving the motor in an effort to get optimum traction and the car began to shake. Eventually, "It shook so hard the tachometer broke, the back end of the car's body broke and the parachute fell out."

"The crew tried frantically to get the car going. We were prepared to run without the parachute."

They cut a bunch of stuff away but they couldn't get the parachute unstuck so we had to shut the car off."

"It was really depressing, but we were happy that we qualified."

Now the funny car driver and his crew are getting the car, "Quarterhorse", ready to go to the track.

Calgary next weekend to do time trials and possibly take part in the Jet Car Nationals.

Despite the recent disappointment, he has done well in this, his first season on a professional circuit. He and his Corvette have placed first, second or third in all of the other races.

The 21-year-old racer in both the National Hotrod Association and American Drag Race Association circuits. Most funny car drivers choose one or the other "but we want to be good in both circuits."

The Drayton Valley native set a new track record on the July 1 long weekend at Kelowna, posting the victory by racing one-eighth mile in 4.9 seconds at a speed of 249.5 m.p.h.

Canadian cities he has raced in this year include Calgary, Prince George and Kelowna. The "Canada Kid" attributes a lot of his success to the teamwork of crew chief Trevor Cox, and crew members Jim Murray and Larry Burt.

"They are always looking for ways to make the car go faster. And we work well together. We can read each other like a book."

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of lot time trials (single passes) in addition to racing, because the events draw large crowds. And small appearances are a part of his routine, too.

Canada's youngest professional funny car driver races as an independent now, but is looking for sponsorship. "The more wins we get, the better it is. It looks like we'll have a major sponsor next year."

Sponsorship would mean that Janshewski's name would be taken off the car, replaced by that of the sponsor. But, he said, loss of individuality is the price you pay for financial support.

The sport of racing funny cars is expensive and in fact is declining. Janshewski is the last man to become a licensed funny car driver. "They say I'm the last of a dying breed."

But the drawbacks are not likely to discourage him from the sport he obviously loves. And the amount of local support he receives makes it easier to stay with it. Friends from Drayton Valley often come to watch him compete. "We get a lot of support and really appreciate it."

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Recreation board faces building decision

With the outdoor pool closing for good Aug. 31, the local recreation and culture board may soon have to decide on a recommendation regarding the old pool building.

The town recreation department has already

received several requests for use of the building by community groups and the department head has drawn up cost figures for renovating the building which are estimated between \$38,000 and \$50,000.

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Old pool enters final week

The outdoor swimming pool will head into its final week of operation Monday, closing its doors forever on Aug. 31.

Although the 1984 season was shortened by some five weeks from last year, all its outdoor programs were run successfully with more than 950 children, youth and

In all, 915 children

adults partaking in swimming programs, according to pool staff. Town of Drayton Valley recreation staff explained that last year's attendance at the pool was low over the September long weekend, so it was felt there would be little purpose in staying open beyond that date.

For the last week of operation, the pool will hold extra programs for youth and adults including a junior artificial respiration pro-

gram, survival award from Red Cross and a small craft safety survival for families interested in small boats and canoes.

After more than 25 years of service, the outdoor pool will be closed at 5 p.m. Aug. 31 and will be later filled with sand and land-scaped, although an formal schedule has been put forward by the town.

The board will need to determine priorities for the use of the building such as the community's need, the town's responsibility and whether groups should be prepared to pay for renovating and use of the facility.

The priorities, benefits and renovations are all dependent on who'll be using the facility. Woolsey said. Renovations to the 22-year-old building could include the furnaces being replaced, plumbing, roofing, removal of equipment and partitions as well as painting the premises.

Including funds for filling the pool and land development, the cost could be near \$35,000 which Woolsey said was a "low estimate" and could be as much as \$50,000.

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User fees going ahead as planned

The Drayton Valley recreation and culture board has no far-sighted school year fee schedule despite several requests for exemptions or reductions in the charge by community groups.

To date, five groups have approached the board or town council requesting the fees not be implemented as planned, or that a lower fee be charged due to special circumstances.

But the board has yet to initiate or discuss a motion altering the fee schedule for specific situations.

At its Aug. 15 meeting the board heard a brief request from the Drayton Valley Gymnastics Club requesting exemption because of the use of the band building at H.W. Pickup Junior High School does not require janitorial cleaning as other school facilities and the club's equipment is jointly used by the school.

While the board took the request into consideration and explained to the delegation its philosophy for instituting the fees, it did not move that an exemption be allowed.

The recreation board drafted a school user-fee

schedule several months ago charging groups an hourly fee for the facilities to help offset a \$40,000-a-year deficit incurred under current agreements with the Parkland County Board of Education. The schedule was passed by town council in June and goes into effect Sept. 1.

In discussing the fees, recreation director Dennis Woolsey said one solution to the deficit would be to cut off sharing facilities, "but that would sacrifice grassroots sports and that would be painful — the phone would ring."

The user fees as laid out will be implemented, board Chairman Les Bannerman said.

Also at the meeting, the board voted 4-2 in favor of a motion recommending town administration

tion be able to place the Drayton Valley Martial Arts Club in a appropriate fee category. Currently the club is designated as a commercial enterprise and would be charged more than \$18 per hour. Non-commercial youth groups are charged only \$1 per hour.

Club organizer and spokesman Al Walper approached the town four weeks ago requesting fees not be implemented. The issue was turned over to the board for recommendation.

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The course itself is nothing an amateur canoeer can't handle, said organizer Garry Swendsen. "It's

intermediate, challenging and there might be some portaging (carrying the canoe over shallow spots) and a few rapids."

For those people a little uneasy about the trip, "we're going to have someone in a rubber raft following to help anyone having problems."

The idea behind the race is to promote canoeing in the area, said Swendsen. "The race is geared toward recreation and fun," though posters were distributed at the Klondike Days canoe race in Edmonton, which generally draws more experienced canoeers.

"We're hoping for 15-20 entries" for the approximately 25-mile course.

No special rules, aside from those governing safety, will be in effect.

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While only 60 golfers had registered for the annual golf tournament as of Monday he was hoping for about twice that number by the deadline Tuesday.

The tournament is a

36 hole, medal play with awards for the top five in each flight as well as 18 sponsored hole prizes.

The fall open differs from the Drayton Valley Golf Club's spring event which was match play. The difference being match play is a hole-by-hole competition and medal play is total score after 36 holes.

The spring open at

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Evansburg park officially named

Student registration for the 1984-85 school year at Grand Trunk High School will occur Aug. 30 at the school. These Grade 10 students who did not pre-register in the spring will be registered between 9-12:30 a.m. Grade 11 students between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and Grade 12 students will register between 1 and 3 p.m. Grade 7-9 students will register in their home rooms Wednesday, Sept. 6. Classes for all students begin Sept. 6 and run for the whole day.

Boys Katsenik and Bill Oleituk have been chosen from Grand Trunk to attend a one-week session at the Terry Fox Youth Centre in Ottawa. The Youth Centre brings students together from across Canada to broaden their knowledge of particular areas of Canadian life. Katsenik will be at the centre from Sept. 18 to 22. Her theme of study for the week will be Canadian arts and culture. The Royal Canadian Legion and the Double EE Lions Club have donated \$500 towards the Evansburg baseball diamond. The money will be used to construct a dugout at the ball diamond. The Evansburg baseball diamond is located behind the arena.

Lanel (Walter) Smilie of Kamloops, B.C., formerly of Evansburg, passed away Aug. 11 at the age of 66.

The Smilie's operated a general store in Evansburg until 1974, before moving to Kamloops. She is survived by one daughter Ruth and her sister Annie Graham.

The monthly birthday party was held Aug. 16 at the Sunnyside Lodge. Birthday people were: Lil Goodwin, Edna Hadley, Roy Hadley, John Katsenik, Anne Mackiewicz, Sam Mysachuk and Margaret Olson.

The official opening of the new addition to Heritage House took place Aug. 10 with 69 seniors attending a pot luck supper.

After supper Dr. Baker said the addition to Heritage House is owed to the late Mrs. Proehl and Mrs. Proehl. The Proehls were both active in the



Evansburg News

Mr. Lauer 727-3874

community and Mrs. Proehl donated \$50,000 towards the construction of the new addition. Dr. Baker then presented Betty Proehl with a plaque.

WHO'S NEW

Aug. 9 - PRICE, Jody & Linda, Lodgepole, girl, 3610 grams, 7 lbs. 15 oz.

Aug. 10 - GEORGE, Joseph & Myrtila, Drayton Valley, girl, 3580 grams, 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Aug. 15 - MACBRIER, S.K. & Carol, Alder Flats, boy, 2450 grams, 5 lbs. 4 oz.

Aug. 15 - BATEMAN, Richard & Kelly, Drayton, boy, 3640 grams, 7 lbs. 9 oz.

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Western police officers and agencies to be more responsive to Crown corporations and agencies. The role of police in the Western area is discussed in the department's program.

NATIVE BUSINESS

The social and economic conditions of our native people must be dealt with, more directly and more effectively.

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Cubs and Beavers to register

By Dorothy Gervin

The Boy Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be having their registration night Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Brown Circle Centre.

Boys aged 6 to 17 years are to join Beavers, 8 to 10 for Cubs and 11 and up for the Scouts. The boys will meet Tuesday nights beginning Sept. 25.

Dave and Dixie Ellis and sons Dwight and Gregory have returned from a three-week trip to Europe.

Ellis attended the 25th Grand Lodge convention at Thunder Bay where there were approximately 800 BSA members and 500 Ladies of the Royal Purple. They watched the patrol team national competition. The team from Three Hills, AB was the winning team.

They attended the Don Harro and Katherine McInnes show and banquet which finalized the 45th project to raise money for the Elks Purple Heart fund.

The Ellis family went on a cruise of Lake Superior where they saw all the harbor sights. They visited the Terry Fox Memorial monument and went to see Kakabeka Falls which are known as the Gargers of the North.

The children went for a ride in the Lakatts hot air balloon.

Get well wishes to Lloyd Polisech who is a patient in an Edmonton hospital.

A baby shower was held at the home of Gladys Sobon Aug. 14 for her granddaughter, Naomi Dawn, daughter of Perry and Frances Sobon.

There was such a large response to the swim program that the Brown Circle Centre are providing two buses this year to transport the children from Drayton to Rimley for their two weeks of swimming lessons.

Aug. 5 was the Ellis family reunion at Fennell with 41 family members and one guest attending. The family gathered from Athabasca, Edmonton, Spruce Grove, Drayton Valley, Buck Lake, Carleton Place, and Kamloops, B.C.

After a pot luck dinner there were ball games and horseshoes.

A men's basketball tournament was held at the Fennell Community Centre Aug. 12. The four teams playing were Genesee, Carleton, Sardine Lakers and Fennell. Genesee won the A event over the Sardine Lakers. Fennell won the B event over Carleton.

The Ellis family had several entries in the Warburg Fair. Jane received 38 ribbons, Ray 12 and Dwight received 8 ribbons.

Aug. 11 Dave and Dixie Ellis and boys took Ray and Janet Ellis to Fort Edmonton for the day.

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Local turns a "lost art" into unique furniture

By Phil Courterelle

Rudi Merscher's passion for woodworking is one he's enjoyed all his life. From the time he was a young boy in Germany, he has spent his time working and creating with wood.

The furniture and artistry displayed in and around his home just north of Markham Avenue has led to the development of his unique profession.

Now a foreman with the town public works department, Merscher spent many years building wagon wheels before coming to Canada. Although wooden hand made wheels are scarce compared to their steel and rubber counterparts of today, Merscher is using his long experience to make one of a kind furniture.

From hanging lamps to tables and chairs, Merscher uses the wheels he built himself or adapted to his pieces in a decorative manner.

His introduction into woodworking began more than 50 years ago in East Germany. "I tried to get into wood working, especially furniture, but there was no one to teach me a trade," he says.

Everything was done with horse and wagon. Merscher says there was a demand for wooden wheels and furniture to be made from them.

Although he says some people still require the wooden wheels such as a chair wagon, the trade is becoming a lost art. There's very few left that can make them, there's not too many uses for wagon wheels.

But he's managed to turn his former profession from a lost art to a unique style of using a wagon wheel for example for the base of a glass table top, making a stool or chair and placing four western style ax handles around the edge, making a unique chair.

The possibilities are almost endless for using different sized wheels to form the furniture or simply as an accent or decoration.

Merscher's work is done mostly in his home using some adapted power tools to assist in cutting and shaping wood. Most of the power tools he uses he built himself or adapted to his needs. One piece of equipment resembles a horizontal drill press and is used to make holes in the wheels for the spokes. Another is an extra long axle for shaping wood.

Even some of the hand tools he uses now are old, he says he first started in 19.



Similar to when he first started, Merscher uses hand tools to shape and define the wood.



Woodworker Rudi Merscher sits on a workbench located at his home.



The hub or centerpiece from which the spokes extend.

New program to start

Russell Bohning and family from Edmonton were visiting relatives in the area recently. Sympathy is extended to Betty Glaser and family on the death of her mother. Helma, Ursula, David and Monica Adler went to Kelowna to visit Ursula's mother and also to help Carl Denis celebrate his 80th birthday. Lawrence and Betty Bohning attended their granddaughter, Cindy Moyneux's graduation at Grande Prairie.

Youths can learn about forestry

Thieves broke into Marga Reabes cabin and tool shed and stole a number of items lately. There will be a shower for Debbie Bartman and Tim Miller at the hall Aug. 28 at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Willfred and Goldie Anderson spent a week at Grande Cache trout fishing.
The Smeiters and the McGuires were visiting at the home of Violet McPhee.
Robert Bohning is working at Telford.

Terry, Darren and Jason Carbonneau were visiting Rodney and Trudy Carbonneau at Richmond, B.C. for a couple of weeks.

the Yukon and Alaska. They visited Fairbanks, Valdez, and Scagway among others and returned by the Cassair Highway near Prince George. In the Yukon they found Alfred Kaserman and George and Jim Boyden fishing on the Kaskiah Bridge.

Fochler says the idea having both sexes as members was one reason he decided to start the program.

"A lot of girls have expressed interest in this kind of program," he said.

Joining Junior Forest Wardens will give young people a chance to learn more about "Alberia's important forest industry," Fochler adds.

Scouting may be a well-known program for

"The nearest club is in Edmonton and it has been underway in Alberta for several years - but it's just not well known," says Fochler.

Once the Junior Forest Warden program begins, Feochler may start Junior Forest Rangers the next step up.

There are about 2,000 members in Alberta taking part in activities ranging from tree identification to winter ski camp and from visiting a lumber mill to learning white water kayaking.

SENIOR OPERATOR/FOREMAN

of county-owned lands at Chickadee Lake, Lake Isle and Easyfork as regional parks, says Smith.

The committee will consider whether the county should develop its own regional parks or open it up to private enterprise, Smith said.

The committee, consisting of Marcelle Skavard, Terri Dunne, Randy Strocki, Ariana Monaghan and George Sewell, should be making its recommendation to county council in November.

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Many groups compete for provincial grants

Dealing with a large number of requests for provincial MCR grants will be a major task for the Drayton County revenue board, says director Barb Smith.

And in order to help board members make decisions on what groups get MCR funds, the county has developed a list of criteria for judging applications.

The deadline for grant applications is Aug. 31 and board members will make MCR funding recommendations Oct. 1.

Board members will also consider the membership of groups applying for MCR grants.

Groups which have at least 75 per cent county members will be given a higher priority, says Smith.

In the past criteria for grants was only 55 per cent county use, but the

criteria includes judging benefit to the community, deciding whether a group's MCR project is an essential service or a luxury and looking at the population base served by the project.

Priority will be given to projects which serve a large area and provide the only facility of its type in the area.

"If we have an extremely high number of applications the 75 per cent rule will be useful, but it is not a hard and fast rule," she said.

"Right now we're assuming there will be a large number of groups applying for MCR."

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Local suffers broken leg

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Skim milk is best possible coffee whitener

By Janice McGregor
Home Economist

The next time you are ready to spoon a moody coffee whitener into your morning coffee, stop and ask yourself: "What is this and is it good for me?"

Coffee whiteners come in three forms — powdered, frozen and liquid, although the most common form is powdered. Powdered dairy substitutes sit at room temperature beside office coffee machines and on kitchen tables clear across the country.

For the most part, whiteners are derived from an inexpensive, highly saturated fat called coconut oil. Coconut oil is ideal for such products because it is stable at room temperature, won't ever go rancid and needs no refrigeration.

However, the saturation level of coconut oil is extremely high. It is more saturated than butter or even the cream it is meant to replace.

If your doctor has advised you to cut down on saturated fats because of the danger of coronary



District Home Economist

by Janice McGregor
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heart disease, or hypertension, you should give these cream-substitutes a wide berth.

At one time, labelling requirements stated that the manufacturers could simply say

"vegetable oil" without giving an indication of the type of fat. A peek at coffee whitener today will reveal the contents include hydrogenated coconut oil, hydrogenated palm kernel oil or modified palm oil and coconut oil.

Learn to be a label reader, as the ingredient list on some products may be very revealing. Ingredients are listed in descending order with the highest amounts being listed first. If sugar, salt or fat is one of the first three ingredients, as in coffee whiteners, it is not a good food choice.

Many people like the taste of these products — still others prefer them because of the convenience. If you wish to change, however, switch back to cream — it's less saturated and has a better complement of vitamins, minerals and fats. The best possible whitener would be milk, skim if you like it, two per cent or homogenized if you prefer a bit of fat in your tea or coffee.

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New events added to local fair



Viewers came from all over for the fair. Lella Dewore (left) travelled from the Moose Lake area

and Alma and Rodolph Heich are from Tumbach.

By Carol Dietrich
An appreciative crowd gathered in the Drayton Valley Centennial Civic Arena to witness a championship event on Aug. 28.

The contestants digested seriously in anticipation of the race. After speaking a few words to the crowd, the master of ceremonies gave the signal and the contest began.

But this was no ordinary race. It was history. It's not every day you can see the Western Alberta Champion Chicken Race and Rooster Crowing Contest.

The competitions were part of the 10th anniversary celebrations for the Drayton Valley Agricultural Fair on Aug. 24-28.

Though there was a low number of racing chickens, the competition to see who was the most stubborn in many cases, was fierce. But eventually, "Rusty," a chicken owned by Janet Ellis, emerged as the victor.

Roosters owned by the Ellis family dominated the rooster crowing contest, with "Felix" being the first to crow, "Orville" mowing the landest, and "Bosket" winning the longest and most suspenseful crowing contest.

Across the arena, the swirling rich bouquets of tubers filled with countless varieties of vegetables, flowers, and crafts as well as some commercial displays.

In all there were about 1800 entries in the fair's several hundred categories. "We had about 100 families exhibiting," said indoor exhibit coordinator Olga Brown.

"About one third of the exhibitors were new. More visitors than last year and more creative ideas to improve our fair and increase our interest in the fair," said Brown.

"We created a lot of new areas in the junior division this year and we were very pleased with the way the fair went."

There was an increase in number of people coming in to look at the entries as well.

A popular feature of the fair was the baby show, which had 40 entries this year. Every baby had its picture taken and each received a special certificate. Gladys Miller won the baby cup and Erin Ruhlman was winner of the draw for the baby car seat.

The Offshoot family from Hinton took first place with their 10th anniversary display.

John and Margaret Heide won first prize in the yard beautification contest. Adolph and Irene Storch received first place for their vegetable garden, the average beautification contest was

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